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MEMORANDUM

To: House Committee on Elections From: Mike Heim, Revisor of Statutes Office Date: Feb. 6, 2025 Subject: HB 2023 Summary

HB 2023 would create the crime of interference with an election official. The bill would define "election official" as a county clerk, election commissioner, election judge, election clerk, member of a canvassing, audit, or any other election board or any person engaged in official election duties.

Interference with an election official is intimidating, threatening, coercing or attempting to intimidate, threaten or coerce an election official, whether verbally, in writing or through physical acts, with the intent to:

(1) Impede or otherwise interfere with the performance by such

election official of their official duties; or

(2) retaliate against such election official in response to such official's

performance of their official duties

The crime would be classified as a severity level 7, nonperson felony.

